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General Graves B. Erskine, USMC (Ret)

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Dear Graves:

Upon returning to my office from a trip out of the city, your kind letter of 2 November was brought to my attention.

It is particularly gratifying to get your generous comments and I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me as you did. I might add that I will always have a pleasant memory of our work together, and your profound understanding of our problems has certainly been a source of encouragement to me.

I am very sorry that I missed the luncheon but hope to have other opportunities to see you often in the days ahead.

Mrs. Dulles joins me in sending every good wish to Mrs. Erskine and you.

Faithfully,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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General Graves B. Erskine, USMC (Ret)

Dear General Erskine:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles who is out of the city on a brief trip, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 31 October.

Mr. Dulles is expected back in his office in about ten days and when he returns, I will promptly bring this to his attention.

Sincerely,

Executive Officer

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

31 October 1961

Dear Allen:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for the luncheon given in my honor on Monday, October 23rd. It was a most enjoyable occasion which will linger long in my memory. I am sorry that your commitments prevented your attendance. I felt that you were there in spirit, which enhanced the honor paid me.

Upon retirement from the Department of Defense today, I wish to express my admiration for your extraordinary leadership of the national intelligence community and the many important contributions that you have made to our national defense effort.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been associated with you during my tenure here at the Pentagon. I deeply appreciate the fine cooperation that you and members of your staff have given me and members of my staff. I keenly regret that you will retire as Director of Central Intelligence and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the near future. Your unique skills and talents will be sorely missed at the seat of government.

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Mrs. Erskine and I will continue to live at our home at [redacted] We hope that our paths will cross yours frequently in the future.

Mrs. Erskine joins me in sending our warmest regards and very best wishes to Mrs. Dulles and you.

With highest esteem, I am

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
GRAVES B. ERSKINE  
General, USMC (Ret.)

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